

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) A lid of a secondary battery, said lid comprising:

a plate-shaped body having a hole formed therein;

a terminal member;

an insulating member, said terminal member and said insulating member being superposed on a peripheral edge of the hole formed in said body with said insulating member being arranged under said terminal member;

a sealing member having a flange portion at one end thereof and inserted in the hole formed in said body, said sealing member consisting essentially of a flat plate portion having a hole to form said flange portion, and said sealing member consisting essentially of a cylindrical portion that is separate from said flange portion; and

a rivet inserted in said sealing member and caulked in order to join said terminal member and said insulating member to said body.

11. (Previously presented) The lid of a secondary battery in accordance with claim 10, wherein said cylindrical portion is made of a fluororesin.

12-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) A lid of a secondary battery, said lid comprising:

a plate-shaped body having a hole formed therein;

a terminal member;

an insulating member, said terminal member and said insulating member being superposed on a peripheral edge of the hole formed in said body with said insulating member being arranged under said terminal member;

a sealing member having a flange portion at one end thereof and inserted in the hole formed in said body, said sealing member comprising a substantially flat plate portion having a hole to form said flange portion, and a substantially cylindrical portion that is separate from said substantially flat plate portion of said sealing member; and

a rivet inserted in said sealing member and caulked in order to join said terminal member and said insulating member to said body.

22. (Previously presented) The lid of a secondary battery in accordance with claim 21, wherein said cylindrical portion is made of a fluororesin.